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Senate Resolution No. 1734

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

CONGRATULATING Andrew Helms upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Gold Medal of Achievement, the most prestigious honor bestowed upon an individual by the Royal Rangers

WHEREAS, Andrew Helms, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved the most prestigious honor bestowed upon an individual by the Royal Rangers, the Gold Medal of Achievement; the Royal Rangers Gold Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Evangel Assembly of God, Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Helms has been a member of Royal Rangers Outpost at the Evangel Assembly of God in Williamsville, New York, since 2009; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Williamsville East High School, Andrew Helms is active in church, school and sports; he has accepted an appointment at the United States Air Force Academy; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Royal Rangers and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, The highest achievement of leadership in the Royal Rangers program is the distinguished Gold Medal of Achievement; the trail to this auspicious award is filled with adventure and hard work aimed at completing a host of requirements established by the Royal Rangers' National Office; 15 merits, 4 leadership merits each requiring a 3 hour service project, and a capstone project; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Helms' perseverance in rising through the ranks of the Royal Rangers program is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishment will enable him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

WHEREAS, This Royal Rangers Gold Medal of Achievement honoree is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Andrew Helms on attaining the Gold Medal of Achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Helms.